Price of tobacco.

36. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state the present market price of tobacco?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: A statement is laid on the table.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: കാരോ സ്ഥലത്തും പുകയിലയുടെ വില വ്യത്യാസപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: കാരോ സ്ഥലത്തേക്കും കൊണ്ടുപോകാനുള്ള ചെലവുകൂടി കൂട്ടി വിൽക്കാൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: പുകയിലയുടെ വിലക്കു ഒരു ഏകീകരണം വരുത്തുക സാദ്ധ്യമല്ലേ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: നോട്ടിഫിക്കേഷനിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന വിലക്കു പുറമെ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനുള്ള ചെലവുകൂടി കൂട്ടേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു നോട്ടിഫിക്കേഷൻ പുറമേ ഏകീകരണം വരുത്തുക സാധ്യമാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Mineral Companies.

37. *Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the names of the Mineral Companies working in the State, whose period of lease has expired; and

(*b*) the terms and conditions under which such companies are working at present?

Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) (i) Messrs. Travancore Minerals Company Ltd., Quilon.

(ii) Messrs. F. X. Pereira and Sons (Travancore) Limited, Quilon.

(iii) Messrs. The Associated Mineral Co., Limited, Quilon

(*b*) A provisional arrangement has been made with these companies to continue operations pending the implementing of their undertaking to carry on further processing of mineral sand wholly or in part in Travancore and subject to certain revised conditions as to payment of royalty and a share of the net profits.

Rehabilitation of the Co-operative Movement.

38. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government scheme in regard to the rehabilitation of the Co-operative movement has been fully implemented; and

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(*b*) whether the Government scheme contemplated the abolition of Taluk Banks as such, and if so, what steps have been taken in respect of that part of the scheme?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): (*a*) No; not fully.

(*b*) The Government scheme did not contemplate the immediate abolition of the Taluk Banks.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know what part of the Government scheme regarding the rehabilitation of the co-operative movement was implemented and what part not rehabilitated?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: In regard to the Central Bank, the scheme has been more or less completely implemented. In regard to non-credit movement, it is being implemented. In regard to the Taluk Banks, proposals are under consideration for valuation.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know what steps were taken in regard to the abolition of the Taluk Banks?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: May I point out, Sir, that the abolition of the Taluk Banks as such was not advocated by the Committee, and as ordered by the Government steps for the valuation are in progress.

Co-operative Societies.

39. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Co-operative Societies in the State now on the rolls;

(*b*) the number of Societies registered in each of the last five years;

(*c*) the number of Societies cancelled in the last five years;

(*d*) the number of existing Societies with non-credit activities;

(*e*) the number of Societies engaged in the development of cottage industries and the out-put of their production in the year 1119; and

(*f*) the number of existing multi-purposes Societies?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: (*a*) There were 1687 Societies on the rolls on 26-6-1120.

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